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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to considering the enclosed divisional application,  
please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page, after the title and before the text on  
line 4, please add the following heading and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of copending and commonly  
assigned U.S. Patent application serial number 09/630,172 to  
Blumenfeld et al., entitled APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A TEMPERATURE  
GRADIENT AND METHODS FOR USING THE GRADIENT TO CHARACTERIZE  
MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS," incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 33-72.